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DROWNED IN THE DESERT.

TO die by drowning at sea or any other large body of water carries with it nothing more than the sense of sudden departure. To die by drowning on a comparatively waterless desert wrenches the heart with sadness for it implies the locked up longing of a healthy boyish nature for the enjoyment of a priceless gift—the delight of reveling in the embrace of cooling waters and the intoxication of tasting forbidden fruit. Youthful impulse craves the delight of a dip and the refreshing sense of coolness that ensues. In this land where water is only acquired at great cost, the presence of a large body brings a temptation greater than the price Satan offered the Son of Man when he took him into the lofty mountains and revealed the world spread below him as the reward for idolatry. Every summer witnesses a bereavement similar to that of Saturday, when Willie O'Flaherty found a watery grave. Men who have flirted with death by drowning and were resuscitated almost in the last extremity say there is nothing terrible about the transition for the victim lapses into unconsciousness with the brain dwelling dreamily on the bright side of life. Kind acts, generous deeds and pleasurable sensations pass in the fraction of a second and the drowning person descends in a delirium of joy as the soul wings its flight to the bourne whence there is no return. The passing is painless and we hope that the sorrow of the parents will be assuaged by the thought that the last repose came without any of the anguish of physical mutilation. The family has the sincere sympathy of the community which shares the sorrow with admiration for the gallant efforts of the surviving brother and the shocked comrades who witnessed the fatal plunge. They did what they could to avert the tragedy bringing their narrow resources into active play to effect a hopeless rescue. They did what they could. None could do more.

The tragic event recalls the necessity of having some person to safeguard our boys. The Bonanza has repeatedly urged the opening of municipal baths but, since funds are not available, the town trustees should devise a way for protecting our boys by stationing an officer at the danger spot. They should not be driven away, for that course would be cruel in this boiling temperature, but to watch and protect them. Such an officer should be a master of the art of swimming, gifted with self-reliance and capable of acting promptly in an emergency. The cost of such service would be small compared with the value of a human life. For a trifling sum a rough shelter could be provided and the boys of the desert saved from the rasping idleness of the vacation period. Such an appointment would carry with it the approval of every parent who would then have the assurance that the boys of the family were safeguarded when seeking the solace of the old swimming hole.

RUSSIA'S STEAM ROLLER.

TAKE a map of Galicia and spread it out on the floor for you will find you are dealing with a country of huge proportions, vast distances and orthography that baffles the English reader to master. Moreover the man who scans this map will find himself possessed of startling information that is conveyed in the dispatches in rather cryptic form through the mere recital of places retaken from the German invader. The most impressive feature is the giant like strides of the Russians through this territory. Since their emancipation from imperialism and the other extreme of anarchy the Russians have scored gains greater than those accomplished by the united troops of Great Britain and France on the western front. During the past two weeks the Muscovite has advanced his lines almost ten times as far as the allies have progressed in the past two years. Where the French and English wings of the allied armies register gains of a yard, the Russians in Galicia score leagues in face of the same powerful and equally well equipped foe as that which faces the western front of the German lines along the Belgian and French borders. The advance has been accomplished with a dauntless courage that may determine the war by forcing thoughts of peace on the minds of the Germans now filled with hatred of the Prussianism and militarism that has brought nothing but death and starvation to thousands of contented German households. The Slav has got into his stride and he is not going to be stopped or handicapped any longer by the robber grand dukes at Petrograd who ate and drank up the moneys which were designed to help the same army in the early stages of the war. The Russian of today is a courageous unit spurred on by thoughts of fighting for country and national independence and not for the aggrandizement or glorification of feudal dynasty. The Russian has always been credited with bravery and the world's best generals have repeatedly praised the rank and file for their reckless disregard of danger in carrying out the orders of their superiors. The intellectual standard of the mujik is lower than that of any other combatant but the peasants and industrials of the new Russia are an inspired force which is sweeping on to victory.

A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.

THE government should act promptly to punish whoever was responsible for the enforcement of a censorship on dispatches dealing with the recent deportations from Bisbee. Some petty official of the Phelps Dodge Corporation arrogated to himself the privilege of stopping telegrams giving facts connected with the movements of citizens and victims and in doing so interfered with interstate commerce in a way that sets an extremely dangerous precedent. There cannot be much doubt of the gravity of the infraction which eventuated in the citizens of Bisbee taking the law into their own hands but there cannot be any palliation for the crime of declaring a censorship in the name of the United States where the United States was not concerned or any representative of the government on the spot to sanction the lawlessness of preventing the news from going out to the world. The very interference with the telegraph service carries with it the implication that there was something radically wrong and something to conceal from the federal authorities. But the al-

leged lawlessness of the I. W. W. is not a circumstance compared with this officious meddling with the transmission of news and personal messages over the wires of the Western Union. Such action can only have a tendency to alienate popular sympathy by intruding the personal interests of corporation pinheads in a movement that is of vital significance to the whole west. The facts appear to be that an employee of the copper magnates took unto himself powers greater than those vested in the president of the United States involving curtailment of the rights of a free press and rights of free speech both of which are constitutional guarantees. This high handed interference affected the rights of nine tenths of the newspapers of the North American continent through abridging the service of the Associated Press which always aims to give unbiased reports of news matters regardless of what interests are affected. The Associated Press deals with the facts and not surmise and it is pleasant to observe that Melville E. Stone, general manager of the wonderful institution built up through his active and genius, is not going to let the matter rest by accepting any apology or explanation but will insist on a rigid scrutiny that the rights of the Associated Press membership will not have to endure any further censorship of its reports. The assumption of authority will not be permitted to go unquestioned for steps will be taken to punish the perpetrators and protect the members of the Associated Press in the collection of news.

BASEBALL GAMES

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won	Lost	Pct.
San Francisco	60	44	.577
Salt Lake	51	45	.531
Los Angeles	53	48	.524
Oakland	46	50	.480
Oakland	49	54	.475
Vernon	42	60	.412

At Portland—
 First Game—

R. H. E.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
San Francisco	1	4	2									
Portland	8	13	1									

Batteries: Baum and McKee; Fincher and Fisher.
 Second Game—

R. H. E.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
San Francisco	5	8	0									
Portland	3	8	2									

Batteries: Johnson and Baker; Brenton and Baldwin.
 At San Francisco—
 Morning Game—

R. H. E.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Vernon	2	7	3									
Oakland	3	3	2									

Batteries: Deannier, Marion and Simon; Morrey, Krause and Murray.
 Afternoon Game—

R. H. E.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Vernon	6	10	2									
Oakland	7	13	4									

Batteries: Kovik, Fromme and Moore; Simon, Beer, Goodbred and Kilhullen.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.)
 NEW YORK, July 16.—Chicago, game postponed, wet grounds.

(By Associated Press.)
 NEW YORK, July 16.—New York maintains its lead in the National League, although winning only three out of six games the past week. Cincinnati and Brooklyn set the pace in the older organization by winning five out of seven games.

In the American, Chicago forged to the front again and Saturday was in the first place although winning only four out of seven. Boston showed little improvement, the world's champions being able to win only two out of six games with Cleveland and Detroit. Today, however Boston won two games from St. Louis, while Chicago was losing to Washington and again took the lead.

Rainy weather caused many double-headers late in the week in the National League. On Wednesday all the games were postponed because of rain and Philadelphia did not take part in a contest until Friday.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

(By Associated Press.)
 CLEVELAND, July 15.—In the presence of the largest crowd that ever attended a game at League Park, New York won both ends of a double header, 4 to 0, and 8 to 2. Cleveland was unable to hit Fisher in the first game, while errors let New York score six of its eight runs in the second.

(By Associated Press.)
 ST. LOUIS, July 16.—Boston twice defeated St. Louis yesterday 4 to 2 and 6 to 3. Boston won the

AUSTRALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO MOTHER COUNTRY

(By Associated Press.)
 MELBOURNE, Australia, July 16.—The Australian casualties from the beginning of the war up to May 21, 1917, were 69,793 according to a statement issued by the Defense Department. They were divided as follows—Dead 24,106; wounded 21,585; missing, 5,102. It was explained that the men listed as wounded did not include those who had gone back to the trenches.

ADVANCING ENGLISH PAY

(By Associated Press.)
 LONDON, July 16, 1917.—If the demand for a ten shilling advance in the wages of half a million semi-skilled and unskilled workers in the engineering industry, which is now being considered by the committee of production, is conceded the employers will have to pay an additional 13,000,000 pounds sterling a year in wages.

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first game with a batting rally in the tenth; Rogers' wildness lost the second game for St. Louis. St. Louis made six double plays in the two games.

(By Associated Press.)
 CHICAGO, July 16.—Eddie Foster's triple in the ninth inning when Washington had started a rally drove in two runs and gave the visitors the first game of the series here yesterday, 6 to 5.

(By Associated Press.)
 DETROIT, July 16.—Philadelphia's defense went to pieces in the eighth inning and Detroit, scoring four runs, won Sunday's game, 7 to 2. Daus and Meyers were hit hard, but the Detroit twirler was more effective with men on bases. Bush was the more effective. Bush was the batting star.

PORTO RICO SWELLS RED CROSS RANKS

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
 SAN JUAN, Porto Rico—Twelve hundred new members for the Red Cross is the record made by the membership committee of the Porto Rico chapter of the American Red Cross in San Juan during Red Cross week. Though reports from committees working in other parts of the island have not yet come in, it is known that the work was almost as successful on a smaller scale elsewhere. There are now four thousand members of the Porto Rico chapter in San Juan alone, and several hundred more in the other towns, with the number increasing every day.

The Porto Rico chapter is said here to be the first chapter of the American Red Cross to be organized outside of continental United States. The charter was not granted until May 1, two months after citizenship had been conferred on the Porto Ricans by an act of Congress, and the recognition of Porto Rico as a territory of the United States was the deciding factor in granting the charter.

On account of the newness of the organization the campaign for members did not stop at the end of the national Red Cross week, but will continue until the maximum is secured. It is expected that 25,000

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FRENCH COMMENT ON GERMAN CHANCELLOR

(By Associated Press.)
 PARIS, July 16.—The Paris press hails the retirement of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg from the German chancellorship with varying degrees of satisfaction. Some of the comment is in a jubilant tone, while other editors treat the event soberly. All however, are agreed that it indicates a crisis in Germany of unprecedented importance.

As might be expected the phrase "scrap of paper," frequently crops out in the comment and some of the journals trace the chancellor's downfall back to that early-in-the-war utterance of his. The Petit Parisien is one of the newspapers that is not optimistic over the development for it says:

"Though the chancellor changes, the German masters remain the same. It is they and not the retiring functionary who desired the war to satisfy their appetite for universal domination."

Le Journal says: "The chancellor was so accustomed to let things be that he seems to be surprised to find himself at the bottom of the abyss. His famous exclamation: 'A'

members will be obtained before the end of the campaign. Committees are at work in all of the large towns and are being organized in the small ones.

The campaign thus far has been solely for membership, the funds collected coming from the initiation fees, but as soon as the enlisting movement is well organized throughout the island, a campaign for funds will begin.

The Porto Ricans are displaying a remarkable spirit of patriotism. Their interest in the work and mission of the Red Cross is heightened because of the fact that Porto Rican troops already are in the United States service, and because others soon will be called to the colors.

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DECLINE OF GERMAN MARK IS FATAL

(By Associated Press.)
 AMSTERDAM.—The Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung of Essen, Germany in a leading article headed "New offensive against our rate of exchange," deplores the decline in the exchange rate of the mark and says—"the enemy has every interest in keeping the rate as low as possible, not only in order to increase the cost of imports into Germany during the war." The campaign against the rate of exchange of the mark is attributed to a large New York banking house and to the recent increase in the number of Germany's enemies, which has narrowed the scope within which the realization of securities of hostile countries in German hands is declared to be impossible.

While the plans of General Pershing have not been made public it may be stated with confidence that his objective is the Prussian beater.—Pittsburg Post.

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